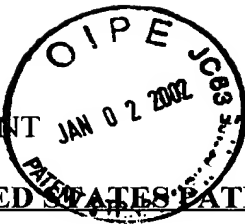


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ALKANOYL L-CARNITINE FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF
DISEASES BROUGHT ABOUT BY LIPID METABOLISM DISORDERS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed July 2, 2001, the Applicants respectfully
request reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and
remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 19.

Please amend Claims 11-18, 20 and 24 as follows:

--11. (Amended) A composition comprising:

B1 (i) a first component selected from the group consisting of acetyl L-carnitine, a salt
thereof and an ester thereof; and

(ii) a second component selected from the group consisting of a hydroxycitric acid
and a hydroxycitric acid derivative.